





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indiana School Principals and Superintendents

**FROM:** Teresa Lubbers, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education

Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction

**DATE**: December 10, 2010

**RE**: Important Annual Student Survey Deadline: December 17, 2010

To better understand what Indiana high school students need to prepare for college and career success, Learn More Indiana annually surveys students enrolled in grades 9 and 11 at all Indiana public and state-accredited nonpublic high schools on behalf of the state and local communities. The resulting data informs schools, communities and policymakers about the career interests, postsecondary aspirations, perceived barriers and college access needs of our students.

Made available to high school counselors at the beginning of the school year, these surveys are due no later than Friday, December 17, 2010.

Having your students participate in this survey provides valuable data designed to support and inform your local collegeand career-readiness efforts while helping to connect your students to valuable information and resources from the state and Indiana's colleges and universities.

## Administering the surveys

Learn More Indiana joined forces with the American Student Achievement Institute to create a new and improved student survey that may be administered online or via the traditional paper-based format:

- 1) Online Student Survey. Schools surveying online may obtain their survey results immediately following administration. Schools surveying online will also have the option of including additional sets of questions based on the Indiana Student Standards for Guidance related to student needs for academic, career and citizenship guidance. To set up and access the online survey, visit <a href="https://www.learnmoreindiana.org/studentsurvey">www.learnmoreindiana.org/studentsurvey</a>.
- 2) Paper-Based Student Survey. The materials you need to administer and return the survey were sent to your school's counselor in September 2010. Instructions for administering and returning the paper-based surveys were enclosed. If you have misplaced the paper-based surveys or did not receive a shipment, please take advantage of the online student survey.

Working together, we can ensure that all Hoosier students understand and take the necessary steps to turn their aspirations for success beyond high school into action. Thanks in advance for your school's collective efforts.

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